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Disaster Preparedness Training Available FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Black River Falls area residents who would like to learn how to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities are invited to attend a free weekend training course in either June or July. Wisconsin Emergency Management, in cooperation with the Tribal Nations is now accepting registrations for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course scheduled for June 24-26, 2005 and July 22-24, 2005.

The CERT program teaches citizens how to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also how to assist their neighbors when emergencies or disasters strike. CERT is a national training that prepares citizens to respond in both man-made and natural disasters.

The CERT Program involves a series of modules, which will be held Friday thru Sunday and includes presentations, discussions, and hands on experience on topics ranging from disaster preparedness to fire suppression, first aid, and search and rescue. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

This classes will be held at the Majestic Pines Hotel, 9010 Highway 54, East, Black River Falls, WI. The will begin Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will continue Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is free but space is limited.

Registration forms are available on the Wisconsin Emergency Management Website: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov> or Margie Welsh at (608) 242-3222 or e-mail at margie.welsh@dma.state.wi.us.

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